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In re application of: Chris A. Barone Docket No.: 6579-0125
Donald P. Roche
Serial No.: 10/626,989 Art Unit: 1732
Filed: July 25, 2003 Examiner: HUSON, Monica A.
Assignee: EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC.
Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A SHAVING AID CARTRIDGE
Confirmation No.: 4156

Middletown, Connecticut, May 8, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Amendment

Dear Sir:

In reference to the above-identified patent application, this is a response to an Office Action having a mailing date of March 8, 2006 and a statutory period for response set to expire on June 8, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

obvious, at least since claim 18; either directly or through intervening claims, depends from and further limits independent claim 11. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Conrad in view of Vreeland and further in view of Yin.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments and remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action and that the claims herein are allowable. In view of the foregoing points that distinguish Applicants' invention from those of the prior art and render Applicants' invention novel and non-obvious, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the present application, remove the rejections, and allow the application to issue.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Based on the foregoing and for at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims of the application in question are in condition for allowance and an early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

No fee is believed due with the filing of this Amendment. However, if a fee is due, Applicants authorize the payment of any additional charges that may be necessary to maintain the pendency of the present application to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 503342.

Respectfully submitted,

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